

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Underground Injection Control (UIC) Primacy
Draft Arizona UIC Program Rule

Friday, December 13, 2019

Follow-up from last stakeholder meeting

Summary of Comments Received

Initial Response to Comments

Additional Comments/Question and Answer Session

Next Steps

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

- Section 7: The law requires federal agencies, in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the NOAA Fisheries Service, to ensure that actions they protect endangered species.
- Section 9: The law also prohibits any action that causes a "taking" of any listed species of endangered fish or wildlife.



Black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*)

Photo courtesy of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

- *Clarifications to UIC Program definitions and Program requirements*
- *Technical Concerns*
- *Consistency with Arizona Administrative Code and AZPDES Rule language*
- *Transition of Existing Permits and Aquifer Exemptions*
- *Cavern Mining and Storage*
- *Edits and wording*
- *ADEQ should not allow injection*

Your Feedback on the Initial Draft Rule

What is good?

What is wrong?

What is missing?

What is unclear?

We hope to hear from you. Your feedback will be considered in the final version of the AZ UIC Primacy Application and Rule.

If you have additional comments:
Please submit them to:

uic@azdeq.gov

Robust Stakeholder Rule Review

Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening

- Published: September 27, 2019

Informal Stakeholder Review of Draft UIC Program Rule

- Webinar: November 6, 2019

Informal Stakeholder Comments Due

- November 26, 2019

Informal Stakeholder Review Follow-Up Meeting

- December 13, 2019

Formal Rule Process (NPRM, Public Hearing, NFRM)

- Spring/Summer 2020



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